

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: 1st Selectwoman Evonne Klein; Seth Morton; David Bayne;
Callie Sullivan; Linda Santarella

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

OTHERS: Peter Hovell

CALL TO ORDER

1st Selectwoman Klein called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1st SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

1st Selectwoman Klein said she is working primarily on the budget. She said the meeting with DOT Commissioner Marie was postponed, as he was in Washington to discuss the stimulus package.

Ms. Santarella said she spoke with Mr. Murray Stegelman, Chairman of the Board of Finance, regarding the lighting project in front of Town Hall. She said she plans to go to the Board of Finance meeting tomorrow night to present the formal presentation of the plan to them, along with Mr. Pat D'Arinzo, who has been instrumental in doing much of the leg work of this project. Ms. Santarella said she made it clear to the members of the Board of Finance that she spoke to that this is a shovel-ready, dig-ready project that was proposed last year. She was looking for direction from the Board of Selectmen regarding whether to go forward with the entire project or half the project. It was discussed and agreed upon that she should ask for the project in its entirety, as it was time to get the project done.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff said that Governor Rell has come out with her budget in the week's time since the Board of Selectmen last met. The continuing analysis of the town's budget is on-going to identify any areas of potential cost savings. Mr. Kilduff discussed the fact that the town has been participating for roughly a year in the development of a comprehensive economic development strategy, called a One-Coast Region, that makes them eligible for infra-structure grants through

economic development administration. He said he would report back to the Board on any information he received.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and Take Action on Requested Release of Funds for Weed Beach

Mr. Peter Hovell discussed the Weed Beach project, reviewing the sewer hook up, power line, and trails information and costs involved. Some discussion took place regarding the costs and what had already been appropriated. Some safety issues were also discussed. 1st Selectwoman Klein confirmed that the Boat Club will hook up into the septic system, and by doing so the Town will be setting an example. Mr. Hovell hoped that the project will be finished by Memorial Day, with the fencing completed around the playground. Ms. Santarella said she was in support of the septic system and power lines, but was not yet in support of the playground fencing. Mr. Kilduff said they received a memo from the Health Director today saying that the Town should connect the Sailing Building to the septic system while the ground is already open.

**** MR. MORTON MOVED TO APPROVE \$50,000 FOR THE SEWER HOOK UP, BURYING OF POWER LINES, AND ADDITIONAL PLAYGROUND COSTS.**

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Discuss and Take Action on Approval of Draft Affordable Housing Plan and Transmittal of Same to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Review, Comment and Report to the Board of Selectmen

1st Selectwoman Klein asked that editorial comments be emailed to her. More importantly for discussion purposes was the need for content, substance, gaps of information, etc. Some discussion took place regarding the affordable housing strategies, with the Board of Selectmen in agreement that the plan pulls together all the threads of public housing, that it addressed 20 strategies, and that it provided a timeline of efforts involved over the past few years. It was noted that Ms. Sullivan is the liaison to the Planning & Zoning commission, and she will report back in one month's time. 1st Selectwoman Klein mentioned that there are copies of the DVD in her office. More discussion took place between the Board, a Town resident and Mr. Bob Woods regarding the affordable housing plan and the 8-30G statute. 1st Selectwoman Klein said she continues to monitor the legislative proposals in Hartford, as well as Governor Rell's budget. It was mentioned that there were over 200 people vetted on the list for affordable housing. 1st Selectwoman Klein said that she will hold a "Night Out" for residents to come out and speak on the affordable housing topic. Ms. Santarella read an excerpt from the draft, specifically page 22.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY ACCEPTS THE DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN AS A PLANNING TOOL TO GUIDE LOCAL DECISION MAKING AND PRIORITY SETTING. THE BOARD HEREBY TRANSMITS THIS PLAN TO THE DARIEN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR THEIR REVIEW, COMMENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION, IN ONE MONTH.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Transfers:

Public Works

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

FROM:			<u>TO:</u>		
Acct No.	Account	Amount	Acct No.	Account	Amount
10402144-81002	Part Time	\$ 1,500	10407011-82041	Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,500
10401011-82050	Telecommuni-Cations	\$ 3,000			
	TOTAL	\$ 4,500	TOTAL		\$4,500

**** MS. SULLIVAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$4,500 FROM THE PART-TIME AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCOUNTS TO THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Weed Beach

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

FROM:

TO:

Acct No.	Account	Amount	Acct No.	Account	Amount
TBD	Fund Balance	\$50,000	TBD	Weed Beach Construction	\$50,000
	TOTAL	\$50,000		TOTAL	\$50,000

This was approved earlier in the meeting.

AGENDA REVIEW

1st Selectwoman Klein said there will be a budget meeting on Tuesday night, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206, and she encouraged members of the public to attend. There will be an additional budget meeting on Wednesday night, February 11, 2009 for modifications, etc. During vacation week, on Tuesday, February 17th, there will be a meeting and Wednesday, February 18th, a meeting will be held, if needed. The budget vote will take place on Monday, February 23rd.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following appointments:

Paul Steinborn as the Town's representative to the Board of Directors of SWRCC (Southwestern Regional Communication Center) commonly referred to as C-MED (Central Medical Emergency Dispatch) to fill the current term expiring on April 30, 2009, and for the term beginning May 1, 2009 and ending on April 30, 2010.

**** MR. MORTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL STEINBORN AS THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SWRCC (SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER) COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS C-MED (CENTRAL MEDICAL EMERGENCY DISPATCH) TO FILL THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRING ON APRIL 30, 2009, AND FOR THE TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2009 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2010.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FY2009-10 BUDGET REVIEW

At 9:10 p.m., 1st Selectwoman Klein, Administrative Officer Kilduff, and the Board of Selectmen then reviewed the FY 2009-2010 Budget with members of the Darien Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of January 27, 2009

This was not reviewed prior to the Board of Selectmen entering the budget review process.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

February 10, 2009	Planning & Zoning General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
February 10, 2009	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 10, 2009	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 11, 2009	Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 24, 2009	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 24, 2009	Planning & Zoning Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Any items added to the agenda require a two-thirds vote)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services